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To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REID, and Mr. LUGAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Environ-
5 mental Education Amendments Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

7 Section 4 of the National Environmental Education
8 Act (20 U.S.C. 5503) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after
 2 “support” the following: “balanced and scientif-
 3 ically sound”;

4 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

5 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
 6 through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12),
 7 respectively; and

8 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesign-
 9 nated), by inserting before the period the fol-
 10 lowing: “through the headquarters and the re-
 11 gional offices of the Agency”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
 13 following:

14 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-
 15 cation shall—

16 “(1) include a headquarters staff of not more
 17 than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and

18 “(2) be supported by 1 full-time equivalent em-
 19 ployee in each Agency regional office.

20 “(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Administrator may carry out
 21 the activities specified in subsection (b) directly or through
 22 awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts.”.

23 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

24 Section 6 of the National Environmental Education
 25 Act (20 U.S.C. 5505) is amended—

1 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by
 2 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;
 3 and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(j) LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—A grant under this sec-
 6 tion may not be used to fund a lobbying activity (as de-
 7 scribed in the documents issued by the Office of Manage-
 8 ment and Budget and designated as OMB Circulars No.
 9 A-21 and No. A-122).”.

10 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOW-**
 11 **SHIPS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Environmental
 13 Education Act is amended—

14 (1) by striking section 7 (20 U.S.C. 5506); and

15 (2) by redesignating sections 8 through 11 (20
 16 U.S.C. 5507 through 5510) as sections 7 through
 17 10, respectively.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National En-
 19 vironmental Education Act is amended—

20 (1) in the table of contents in section 1(b) (20
 21 U.S.C. prec. 5501)—

22 (A) by striking the item relating to section
 23 7; and

1 (B) by redesignating the items relating to
 2 sections 8 through 11 as items relating to sec-
 3 tions 7 through 10, respectively;

4 (2) in section 4(b) (20 U.S.C. 5503(b))—

5 (A) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by
 6 section 2(1)(C)), by striking “section 8 of this
 7 Act” and inserting “section 7”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated),
 9 by striking “section 9 of this Act” and inserting
 10 “section 8”;

11 (3) in section 6(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 5505(c)(3)),
 12 by striking “section 9(d) of this Act” and inserting
 13 “section 8(d)”;

14 (4) in the matter preceding subsection (c)(3)(A)
 15 of section 9 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)),
 16 by striking “section 10(a) of this Act” and inserting
 17 “subsection (a)”;

18 (5) in subsection (c)(2) of section 10 (as redesi-
 19 gnated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section
 20 10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section 9(d)”.

21 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

22 Section 7 of the National Environmental Education
 23 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended to
 24 read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 7. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

2 “The Administrator may provide for awards to be
3 known as the ‘President’s Environmental Youth Awards’
4 to be given to young people in grades kindergarten
5 through 12 for outstanding projects to promote local envi-
6 ronmental awareness.”.

7 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**
8 **AND TASK FORCE.**

9 Section 8 of the National Environmental Education
10 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the first
12 and second sentences and inserting the following:
13 “The Advisory Council shall consist of not more
14 than 11 members appointed by the Administrator
15 after consultation with the Secretary. To the extent
16 practicable, the Administrator shall appoint to the
17 Advisory Council at least 1 representative from each
18 of the following sectors: primary and secondary edu-
19 cation; colleges and universities; not-for-profit orga-
20 nizations involved in environmental education; State
21 departments of education and natural resources;
22 business and industry; and senior Americans.”;

23 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
24 and inserting the following:

25 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership on the Task
26 Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-

1 eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-
 2 cation.”; and

3 (3) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (1)
 4 and inserting the following:

5 “(1) BIENNIAL MEETINGS.—The Advisory
 6 Council shall hold a biennial meeting on timely is-
 7 sues regarding environmental education and issue a
 8 report and recommendations on the proceedings of
 9 the meeting.”.

10 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**
 11 **TRAINING FOUNDATION.**

12 (a) CHANGE IN NAME.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of sub-
 14 section (a)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Envi-
 15 ronmental Education Act (as redesignated by section
 16 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “National Environ-
 17 mental Education and Training Foundation” and in-
 18 serting “Foundation for Environmental Education”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National
 20 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5501 et
 21 seq.) is amended—

22 (A) in the item relating to section 9 (as re-
 23 designated by section 4(b)(1)(B)) of the table of
 24 contents in section 1(b) (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501),
 25 by striking “National Environmental Education

and Training Foundation” and inserting
 “Foundation for Environmental Education”;

(B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

(i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-
 serting the following:

“(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the
 Foundation for Environmental Education estab-
 lished by section 9; and”;

(ii) in paragraph (13), by striking
 “National Environmental Education and
 Training Foundation” and inserting
 “Foundation for Environmental Edu-
 cation”;

(C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesign-
 ated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NA-
 TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND
 TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting
 “**FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-
 CATION**”; and

(D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as re-
 designated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “Na-
 tional Environmental Education and Training
 Foundation” and inserting “Foundation for
 Environmental Education”.

1 (b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIREC-
 2 TORS.—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-
 3 tion 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as
 4 redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking
 5 “13” and inserting “19”.

6 (c) CONDITIONS OF DONATIONS.—Section 9 of the
 7 National Environmental Education Act (as redesignated
 8 by section 4(a)(2)) is amended in subsection (d) by strik-
 9 ing paragraph (3).

10 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 Section 10 of the National Environmental Education
 12 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by
 13 striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the follow-
 14 ing:

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
 16 propriated to the Environmental Protection Agency to
 17 carry out this Act—

18 “(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997,
 19 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and

20 “(1) such sums as are necessary for each of fis-
 21 cal years 2003 through 2007.

22 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 24 of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)
 25 for a fiscal year—

1 “(A) not more than 25 percent may be
2 used for the activities of the Office of Environ-
3 mental Education;

4 “(B) not more than 25 percent may be
5 used for the operation of the environmental
6 education and training program;

7 “(C) not less than 40 percent shall be used
8 for environmental education grants; and

9 “(D) 10 percent shall be used for the
10 Foundation for Environmental Education.

11 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the
12 amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a
13 fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-
14 mental Education, not more than 25 percent may be
15 used for administrative expenses.”.

16 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
18 as of the later of—

19 (1) October 1, 1996; or

20 (2) the date of enactment of this Act.

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